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Security Council

10:00	8206th meeting [webcast]	Security Council Chamber
	Adoption of the agenda	
	The situation in the Middle East	
Followed by	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Security Council Consultations Room
	Middle East (Syria)	
	Other matters	

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General Assembly

Seventy-second session

15:00 Informal consultations (closed) — Trusteeship Council Chamber

On the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of the United Nations operational activities for development

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 March 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 32nd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 [item 136]

Proposed regional restructuring of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [item 148]

Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch

(A/72/720, A/72/7/Add.45, A/72/734 and A/72/785)

Followed by Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [item 148]

Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch

(A/72/734 and A/72/785)

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Joint Inspection Unit [item 142]

(A/72/34, A/72/733, A/72/704 and A/72/704/Add.1)

Background information on the work of the Fifth Committee is available on the Committee's website (*click here*).

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all agenda items before the Committee is open.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee.

In addition to providing 25 copies of their statement to the Conference Room Officer, delegations are kindly requested to provide an electronic copy to the secretariat of the Committee, prior to the start of the meeting.

The composition of delegations, names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be registered through the "e-List of participants" module on the e-deleGATE secure portal (*click here*).

Sixth Committee

10:00 to 13:00	Closed briefing	Conference Room 8
	State Responsibility briefing to delegates (A/71/80/Add.1)	

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Regional Service Center in Entebbe (RSCE)	
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive meeting	

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7
	Programme of work of the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic under resolution 2399 (2018)	
	Other matters	

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations	General Assembly Hall
	On the draft conclusions and recommendations of the 2018 Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up	
	Convened by the co-facilitators (Jamaica and Portugal), on behalf of the Presidency of the Council (the Czech Republic)	
	A letter from the co-facilitators, dated 8 March 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.	
	Links: e-deleGATE Portal, Website or http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffdforum/2018-ffd-forum.html.	

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-second session

10:00 to 13:00 — 10th meeting *(in parallel)* [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: Priority theme: challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls" [item 3 (a) (i)]

(E/CN.6/2018/2, E/CN.6/2018/3 and E/CN.6/2018/5)

Interactive expert panel discussion on "The role of women's land rights and land tenure security in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals"

15:00 to 18:00 — 11th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: "Review theme: participation in and access of women to the media, and information and communications technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women" [item 3 (a) (ii)]

(E/CN.6/2018/2, E/CN.6/2018/3, E/CN.6/2018/4 and E/CN.6/2018/5)

Interactive expert panel discussion on "Innovative data approaches for measuring progress on gender equality and the empowerment of women"

To consult the list of side events, please *click here*.

10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 1

On the draft agreed conclusions entitled "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls", convened by the facilitator, Vice-Chair (Colombia)

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 1

On the draft agreed conclusions entitled "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls", convened by the facilitator, Vice-Chair (Colombia)

Members, as well as observers, are requested to register the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers through the e-List of Participants module on the e-deleGATE portal.

There will be no established lists of speakers for all of the interactive dialogues, including the ministerial round tables.

Delegations are invited to email their statements one hour in advance of delivery for circulation via PaperSmart services.

Further information on the session can be obtained from the Commission website (*click here*). For PaperSmart Services papersmart3@un.org. For NGOs written statements (*click here*).

Contacts: Ms. Maria Isabel Alejandrino (for inscription by IGOs, UN system (alejandrino@un.org; 917-367-4422)), Ms. Catalina De Leon (for the list of speakers) (leonc@un.org)), Ms. Yasmine Laabas (for list of participants of IGOs and UN system (laabas@un.org)) and Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (tanoy@un.org).

Committee for Development Policy
Twentieth session

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Seventy-second session

Tuesday, 20 March 2018

15:00 79th plenary meeting [webcast] General Assembly Hall

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 70]

Commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 March 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Monday, 19 March 2018

10:00 Informal consultations (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations convened by the co-facilitators to lead the review of the arrangements contained in resolution 68/1 entitled "Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council" and its annex.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 March 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Thursday, 22 March 2018

10:00 High-level event General Assembly Hall

15:00 High-level event Trusteeship Council Chamber

The President of the General Assembly will convene a high-level event to launch the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development" (2018–2028)

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (galindo@un.org; 212-963-5307).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 8 March 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

Tuesday, 20 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Thematic debate on working methods Trusteeship Council Chamber

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery. PDF format is preferred.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 19 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea

Monday, 19 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Informal preparatory meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Informal preparatory meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

The draft format and draft annotated provisional agenda of the meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions, permanent observer missions and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea as annexes to the letter of invitation by the Co-Chairs.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus has also been posted on the website of the Division *(click here)*.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Monday, 19 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects will be held from Monday, 19, to Friday, 23 March 2018.

The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 19 March 2018, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.2, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/1, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/INF/1, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/WP/1, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.1, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.3, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/2 and A/CONF.192/2018/PC/3).

Delegations and observers who wish to be included in the list of participants should be registered through the "e-List of participants" module on the e-deleGATE secure portal, which will be available as of 1 March 2018.

Further information is available on the website, please *click here*; or contact Ms. Sonia Elliott, Secretary of the PrepCom (elliotts@un.org); Mr. Alexander Lomaia, Deputy Secretary of the PrepCom (lomaia@un.org); Mr. Dino Del Vasto (del-vasto@un.org), Ms. Lidija Komatina (komatina@un.org) or Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (cianciulli@un.org).

Disarmament Commission

Monday, 2 April 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

The Disarmament Commission will hold its 2018 substantive session from Monday, 2 April 2018, to Friday, 20 April 2018. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 2 April 2018 at 10:00, in Conference Room 3 (A/CN.10/L.80/Rev.1).

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are requested to do so through the e-deleGATE portal.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of participants are requested to do so through the e-deleGATE portal.

An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within one hour of receipt of the request for inscription.

Further information is available on the Disarmament Commission website (*click here*), for the Accessibility Centre (*click here*) or contact Mr. Alexander Lomaia, Secretary of the Commission (lomaia@un.org); Ms. Christa Giles, Deputy Secretary of the Commission (giles@un.org), Ms. Lidija Komatina , List of speakers, (komatina@un.org) or Mr. Martin Vrastiak, List of Participants (vrastiak@un.org). Accessibility *click here*.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-eighth session

Monday, 4 June 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

The seventy-eighth session of the Committee on Contributions will be held at Headquarters from Monday, 4 June 2018 to Friday, 29 June 2018.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests.

Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2018*. The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245.

Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the secretariat of the Committee for further information (405 East 42nd Street, S-2115; tel. 212-963-4975; fax 212-963-1943; or by e-mail to contributions@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Coordination and management meeting

Monday, 16 April 2018

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

Basic programme of work of the Council [item 3]

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments [item 4]

Additional information is available on the website of the Council. For further information, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

A list of candidates for the election, as well as supporting documentation, can be consulted on Candiweb. Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence no later than 30 March 2018 to the secretariat of the Council.

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers by Member States and Observer States should be submitted through the ECOSOC e-Speakers module in e-deleGATE.

The time limit set for statements is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

Intergovernmental organizations and the United Nations system, including funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers should send, in writing, the full name and title of the speaker to the Office of the Secretary of the Council.

To circulate statements electronically, see PaperSmart link. For inclusion in the list of participants, the names of representatives and alternates attending this event should be registered through the ECOSOC e-List of Participants module in e-deleGATE.

(E/2018/1, E/2018/2, E/2018/100, E/2018/1/Add.1, E/2018/9 and E/2018/9/Add.3, E/2018/9/Add.4, E/2018/9/Add.5, E/2018/9/Add.6, E/2018/9/Add.7, E/2018/9/Add.8, E/2018/9/Add.9, E/2018/9/Add.10, E/2018/9/Add.11, E/2018/9/Add.12, E/2018/9/Add.13 and E/2018/9/Add.14)

Links: PaperSmart, Candiweb, e-deleGATE Portal, Website, https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/node/5143421, and

https://www.un.org/ecosoc/sites/www.un.org.ecosoc/files/files/en/cmm/2018-april-cmm-programme.pdf

Contacts: ECOSOC Affairs Branch (elections to ECOSOC subsidiary bodies) (ecosocelections@un.org, emelina@un.org,constablem@un.org); Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (agona@un.org); Office of the Secretary of ECOSOC, DGACM (leonc@un.org).

Wednesday, 4 April 2018

10:00 to 13:00 — 2018 Partnership Forum [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited to attend.

There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements.

In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes* (*five minutes* for group statements).

Members, as well as observers, are requested to register the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers through the e-List of Participants module on the e-deleGATE portal, by 18:00, on Monday, 2 April 2018.

Since a flexible seating arrangement will be used, Member States that are not members of the Council, representatives of intergovernmental organizations, as well as of the United Nations system that wish to participate, should communicate their intention to participate to the secretariat of the Council, in order to be provided a seat in the conference room no later than 18:00, on 2 April 2018.

All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the Partnership Forum, including the concept note and draft programme, is available on the website of the Economic and Social Council.

For further details, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Links: PaperSmart, e-deleGATE Portal, Website or *click here*.

Contacts: Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (simonp@un.org); ECOSOC Affairs Branch (pricec@un.org).

Monday, 23 April 2018

10:00 to 13:00 — Forum on financing for development follow-up — Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Forum will have universal, intergovernmental participation, utilizing the modalities of participation of the international conferences on financing for development.

Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office.

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be submitted through the ECOSOC e-Speakers module in e-deleGATE.

Inscriptions on the list of speakers will close by 13:00, on 20 April 2018.

The time limit set for statements is *five minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *three minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

Intergovernmental organizations and the United Nations system, including funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers should send, in writing, the full name and title of the speaker to the Office of the Secretary of the Council.

To circulate statements electronically, see PaperSmart link.

All delegations are reminded to submit their nominations for participation, as soon as possible, to the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements.

In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *two minutes* (*four minutes* for group statements).

For inclusion in the list of participants, the names of representatives and alternates attending this event should be registered through the ECOSOC e-List of Participants module in e-deleGATE.

Links: PaperSmart, e-deleGATE Portal, Website and http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffdforum/2018-ffd-forum.html

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Commission on Population and Development
Fifty-first session

Monday, 9 April 2018

10:00 to 13:0 0 [webcast] . Conference Room 4

The Commission on Population and Development will hold its 51 substantive session from Monday, 9 April 2018, to Friday, 13 April 2018. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 9 April 2018 at 10:00, in Conference Room 4.

(E/CN.9/2018/1, E/CN.9/2018/2, E/CN.9/2018/3, E/CN.9/2018/4, E/CN.9/2018/5, E/CN.9/2018/6, E/CN.9/2018/L.1 and E/CN.9/2018/L.2)

For participation and seating arrangements, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat of the Commission.

Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room, on the opening day.

All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Members and observers who wish to be included in the list of participants should be registered through the "e-List of participants" module on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

The lists of speakers for all agenda items will be open on 19 March 2018.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are requested to do so through the e-deleGATE portal.

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery. PDF format is preferred. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be posted on the PaperSmart portal after delivery. Delegations are kindly reminded to provide 30 hard copies of the text for the technical services no later than one hour before delivery of the statement.

For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly contact the DGACM Help-desk.

Links: Side events, NGOs, Website, PaperSmart and e-deleGATE Portal.

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Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-second session

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

10:00 to 11:00	12th meeting	Conference Room 4
	Communications concerning the status of women [item 4]	
	Consideration of the report of the Working Group on Communications on the status of women	
11:00 to 13:00	13th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 4
	Follow up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions [item 5]	
	General discussion	
	Follow up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty third special session of the General Assembly entitled Women 2000 gender equality development and peace for the twenty first century [item 3 as a whole]	
	Continuation and conclusion of general discussion	
	(E/CN.6/2018/10, E/CN.6/2018/11, E/CN.6/2018/2, E/CN.6/2018/3, E/CN.6/2018/4, E/CN.6/2018/5, E/CN.6/2018/6, E/CN.6/2018/7, E/CN.6/2018/8, E/CN.6/2018/8/Corr.1, E/CN.6/2018/9 and E/CN.6/2018/12)	

To consult the list of side events, please *click here*.

Links: NGOs written statements, Website, e-deleGATE Portal, PaperSmart

Contacts: Ms. Maria Isabel Alejandrino (for inscription by IGOs, UN system (alejandrino@un.org; 917-367-4422)), Ms. Catalina De Leon (for the list of speakers) (leonc@un.org)), Ms. Yasmine Laabas (for list of participants of IGOs and UN system (laabas@un.org)) and Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (tanoy@un.org).

Monday, 19 March 2018

13:15 to 14:30	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room A
	On the draft resolution entitled "25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 2020", convened by the Vice-Chair (Bangladesh)	
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
	On the draft agreed conclusions entitled "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls", convened by the Vice-Chair (Colombia)	

Tuesday, 20 March 2018

13:15 to 16:15	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room A
	On the draft resolution entitled "25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 2020", convened by the Vice-Chair (Bangladesh)	

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Monday, 19 March 2018

13:15 to 14:30	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room C

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/
United Nations Population Fund/
United Nations Office for Project Services

Friday, 23 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00		Conference Room 9
	UNDP briefing on the working plan of engagement with the Executive Board – A/UNDP for the United Nations system	
	All delegations are invited to attend.	

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 15 March 2018

Security Council

[archived video]

8204th meeting

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan

Special Report of the Secretary-General on the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (S/2018/143)

Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (covering the period from 15 November 2017 to 16 February 2018) (S/2018/163)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of South Sudan to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2018/221, submitted by the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2018/221) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2018/221) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2406 (2018).

After the vote, the Council heard a statement by the representative of South Sudan.

8205th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Security Council began its consideration of the item and adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2018/5).

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

[archived video]

31st meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 [item 136]

Joint Inspection Unit [item 142]

The Committee resumed its consideration of those agenda items.

Standards of accommodation for air travel

The Assistant Secretary-General, Office of Central Support Services, introduced the report of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel (A/72/716).

The Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/72/7/Add.44).

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of air travel policies in the United Nations system: achieving efficiency gains and cost savings and enhancing harmonization (A/72/629); as well as to the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/72/629/Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania, the country of the stabilization and association process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia which aligned themselves with the statement) and the United States.

The Committee concluded its general discussion on that question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on that question would be held on that day, Thursday, 15 March, immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting and would be coordinated by Mr. Andre Lipand (Estonia).

The Chair further informed the Committee that informal consultations would held on that day, Thursday, 15 March, in the afternoon, on agenda item 142: Joint Inspection Unit, in particular on the question of annual report of the Unit for 2017 and its programme of work for 2018; as well as the outcome of the review of the follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit reports and recommendations by the United Nations system organizations; followed by agenda item 136: Programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, in particular the question of the utilization of the contingency fund, which would be coordinated by Ms. Jillian Rees (Australia).

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Commission on the Status of Women

Sixty-second session

[archived video]

8th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(ii) Review theme: participation in and access of women to the media, and information and communications technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women

The Chair (Ireland) opened the meeting and made a statement.

A presentation was made by the representatives of Slovakia, followed by comments and questions by the observer of the Netherlands, as well as by the representative of Brazil, to which the presenters responded.

The observer of Mali made a statement.

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

General discussion

The Commission continued its general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, the Republic of Korea, Tajikistan, Chile, China, Equatorial Guinea and the Russian Federation.

Statements were also made by the observers of Fiji, the Netherlands, Lesotho, Croatia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Andorra, Tonga, Maldives, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Tajikistan, Nepal, Samoa, the Democratic Ppeople's Republic of Korea, Bulgaria, Monaco, Montenegro, Myanmar and the Sudan.

9th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century [item 3]

General discussion

The Commission continued its general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kuwait and Eritrea.

Statements were also made by the observers of Jamaica, Libya, the United States, Azerbaijan, Gabon, Cabo Verde, Timor-Leste and Suriname.

Statements were made by the observers of the African Union, the International Development Law Organization, the League of Arab States, the Economic Community of West African States, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Sovereign Order of Malta and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, the International Labour Organization, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, the International Telecommunication Union, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (also on behalf of the Economic Commission for African, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and Regional Commission New York Office), the International Trade Centre, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and the United Nations Office for Project Services.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council: the Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women; Fundación BBVA para Estudio Investigación de la Mujer; Global Fund for Widows; and Indigenous Information Network.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the observers of Japan and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

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Informal meetings

The agenda of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/72/251, A/72/251/Add.1, A/72/252 or A/72/252/Add.1. *The meetings under this header are closed.*

Friday, 16 March 2018

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Informal informal consultations on the theme "Conference on the Sustainable Blue Economy" (under agenda item 19) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Kenya)

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room B

Other meetings

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Friday, 16 March 2018

Briefing to the Asia-Pacific States on Investor State Dispute Settlement (in preparation for the thirty-fifth session of UNCITRAL Working Group III) (A/RES/72/113) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL))

10:00 to 11:30 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the "Third Review Conference of States (RevCon3) to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects" (A/RES/72/57) (organized by the Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA))

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

OIC Group (Sixth Committee experts)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

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Non-Aligned Movement (extraordinary meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 19 March 2018

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Event entitled "Fostering Innovation in Water Technologies for Sustainable Development Goal 6" (A/RES/71/222) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Singapore and PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency)

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 8

To register, please *click here*. Contact: kathleen_ho@mfa.gov.sg; 212-826-0840.

Special event entitled "A Decade of Recognition for the Contributions, Achievements and Challenges of People of African Descent Worldwide" (on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination) (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in collaboration with the International Organization of La Francophonie, the Permanent Missions of Brazil and South Africa and the United Nations Department of Public Information)

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

13:15 to 14:30 [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

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